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Subject: Re: IMDISP and writing to Postscript  
Posted by [mankoff](#) on Mon, 30 Mar 2009 17:05:26 GMT  
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On Mar 29, 7:55 am, Jeremy Bailin <astroco...@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Mar 28, 5:24 pm, ed.schm...@gmail.com wrote:

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>> On Mar 27, 9:03 am, Brian Larsen <balar...@gmail.com> wrote:> Right I have learned that Preview.app lesson that hard way on more

>>> than one occasion. The ps file is fine is the pdf that is no good

>>> that you are really viewing.

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>>> Instead of illustrator I find the easiest solution to use Acrobat

>>> Distiller, I have it set as the default application for ps/eps files.

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>> Emily,

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>> Two other ways of viewing .ps files under OSX are the Gimp and

>> Photoshop Elements. I tried both of these with your 5x5 idl.ps file,

>> and both of them display the image without any smoothing.

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>> Ed Schmahl

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>>> Double-click and it makes pdfs that look great. Of course you have to

>>> have acrobat pro to have this but if you do its a great solution.

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>>> Brian

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>>> Brian Larsen

>>> Boston University

>>> Center for Space Physics <http://people.bu.edu/balarsen/Home/IDL>

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> And there's always ghostview! Still the fastest way of looking at a ps

> file that I know of in OSX.

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> -Jeremy.

Yes. Finally usable too. Do you install via fink or some other method?

About a year or two ago the fink gv required installing all of gnome. What a bizarre waste of space and dependencies. Your post made me re-check it and it appears gv is now slim again, and a new package ggv exists which includes gnome.

gv has the beautiful feature of 'watching' a file, so you can re-create and fine-tune your postscript file while leaving gv running to the side or on a second monitor and see your changes in realtime.

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